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Thedwastre Rural District Council



Public Health Department

ANNUAL REPORT

1965

**Council Offices,
Elmswell,
Suffolk.**



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Mr. A. Owen - Clerk of the Council

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

(a) Medical - One whole-time Medical Officer of Health
Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
This officer holds in addition the following appointments:

Medical Officer of Health Sudbury Borough Council
Hadleigh U.D.C.
Cosford R.D.C.
Melford R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer and School Medical Officer, West Suffolk County Council.

(b) (I) One Public Health Inspector.
O.J. Wyatt, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., Meat Cert. R.S.H.
Mr. Wyatt is also Surveyor to the Council.

(II) One Additional Public Health Inspector.
F.G. Lambert, M.A.P.H.I., Meat Cert. R.S.H.

(III) Meat Inspector.
D. Russell, M.R.C.V.S.

(IV) Additional Meat Inspector.
R. Wilson, M.R.S.H.

(V) Additional Meat Inspector.
A. Dalrymple (Authorised Meat Inspector)
(Commenced duties on the 31st May, 1965)

SECTION A

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL
OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Municipal Offices,
Belle Vue,
Sudbury,
Suffolk.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District of Thedwastre.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the Public Health Services for 1965.

There was again a population increase (140 persons). The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 46. The birth rate again increased, remaining above the national average. The death rate has increased. There were 51 more deaths in 1965, as compared with 1964. In the age group 1 - 34 years, there were 2 more male deaths; in the age group 35 - 75 + years, there were 12 more male deaths, and 37 more female deaths. However, the statistics still show that 74% of the deaths in Thedwastre occurred in residents who were aged 65 years or over, and 51% were aged 75 years or over.

There was an unpleasant outbreak of scarlet fever during the year, but the incidence of other notifiable infectious diseases remained low.

One family remained in a caravan on a roadside verge, for sometime, in your district, and gave rise to some concern both on welfare grounds and on the grounds of public health. I am grateful to the Council for housing the family.

Fortunately your Council is aware that eviction of families with children, for non payment of rent, is destructive, costing the community in the widest sense, enormous expense. Removing a 'rotten apple' from one's own barrel makes no sense when the 'apple' can only go into some one else's barrel, and not be thrown away. We can foresee the time when eviction for non payment of rent will be regarded in the same light as deportation for sheep-stealing.

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It is pleasing to record that during the year further progress was made with the programme for providing special accommodation for old people.

My thanks are due to the Council for their consideration to me during the year and to Mr. Owen, the Clerk to the Council, Mr. Wyatt the Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector and all other members of the staff for their constant help and co-operation.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant

E. KINNEAR.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area 34,126 acres

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Registrar General's estimate of the resident population	9,760	(9,620)
Number of inhabited houses at end of year	3,704	(3,590)
Rateable Value	£166,879	(£160,090)
Sum represented by a penny rate	£653	(£623)

VITAL STATISTICS

There are no towns in the district. There are large villages at Elmswell, Norton, Rattlesden, Thurston and Walsham-le-Willows. Much of the employment is agricultural, though there is a bacon factory at Elmswell employing a number of people.

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	184 (171)	93 (93)	91 (78)
Illegitimate	7 (11)	4 (7)	3 (4)
<u>Total</u>	<u>191 (182)</u>	<u>97 (100)</u>	<u>94 (82)</u>

Adjusted birth rate (comparability factor 1.08)	21.0	(20.3)
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	18.0	(18.4)
Rural districts aggregate	19.5	(19.9)
County aggregate	19.1	(19.4)
Percentage of illegitimate live births of TOTAL live births	3.6	(5.9)

STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (2)	- (1)	2 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total	<u>2 (2)</u>	<u>- (1)</u>	<u>2 (1)</u>

TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	186 (173)	93 (94)	93 (79)
Illegitimate	7 (11)	4 (7)	3 (4)
Total	<u>193 (184)</u>	<u>97 (101)</u>	<u>96 (83)</u>

Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 10.3 (10.8)

INFANT MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	3 (3)	2 (3)	1 (-)
Illegitimate	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
Total	<u>4 (4)</u>	<u>3 (3)</u>	<u>1 (1)</u>

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	20.9 (21.9)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (England & Wales)	19.0 (20.0)

NEONATAL MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (2)	1 (2)	1 (-)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
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Total	2 (3)	1 (2)	1 (1)
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EARLY NEONATAL MORTALITY - Deaths of Infants under One Week.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2 (2)	1 (2)	1 (-)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
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Total	2 (3)	1 (2)	1 (1)
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The above statistics relate to the deaths of 4 infants:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>If in Hospital at Time of Death</u>
10 hrs.	F	Prematurity	Yes
1 day	M	Prematurity	Yes
1 month	M	Asphyxia	No
2 months	M	lobar pneumonia	No
<u>Stillbirth</u>			
at 38 weeks	F	Preeclampsia	Yes

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Stillbirths and deaths under one week per 1,000 total
live and stillbirths

20.7 (27.1)

DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
145 (94)	69 (55)	76 (39)

Adjusted death rate (comparability factor 0.84)	12.4 (8.49)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	11.5 (11.3)
Number of women dying in or as a consequence of childbirth, pregnancy or abortion	Nil (Nil)
Maternal mortality rate	Nil (Nil)

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
Birth Rate (corrected)	17.8	19.2	17.4	18.8	19.1	21.2	19.7	20.3	21.0
Death Rate (corrected)	10.2	9.3	10.7	9.0	11.3	10.6	11.0	8.49	12.4
Infant Mortality Rate	42.5	-	28.4	32.5	12.8	22.7	28.9	21.9	20.9
Number of Infant Deaths	6	-	4	5	2	4	5	4	4

The following table obtained from information supplied by the Registrar-General gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1965.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
All causes	145 (94)	69 (55)	76 (39)
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory			
2. Tuberculosis, Other			
3. Syphilitic Disease			
4. Diphtheria			
5. Whooping Cough			
6. Meningococcal Infections			
7. Acute Poliomyelitis			
8. Measles			
9. Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	2 (1)	1 (-)	1 (-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5 (4)	2 (3)	3 (1)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	6 (5)	3 (4)	3 (1)
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	2 (2)	- (-)	2 (2)
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1 (-)		1 (-)
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	13 (8)	7 (3)	6 (5)
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
16. Diabetes	2 (1)	- (1)	2 (-)
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	22 (17)	10 (9)	12 (8)
18. Coronary Disease, angina	37 (19)	18 (15)	19 (4)
19. Hypertension with heart disease	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
20. Other heart disease	15 (11)	4 (3)	11 (8)
21. Other circulatory disease	5 (6)	1 (3)	4 (3)
22. Influenza			

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		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
23.	Pneumonia	11 (3)	7 (2)	4 (1)
24.	Bronchitis	3 (4)	2 (4)	1 (-)
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1 (1)	- (-)	1 (1)
26.	Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1 (1)	1 (-)	- (1)
28.	Nephritis & nephrosis	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate			
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion			
31.	Congenital malformations	- (2)	- (2)	- (-)
32.	Other defined & illdefined diseases	10 (2)	5 (1)	5 (1)
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1 (2)	1 (1)	- (1)
34.	Other accidents	5 (2)	4 (1)	1 (1)
35.	Suicide	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
36.	Homicide & operations of war			

Death by age groups :-

	Under 1	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 and over
1965	4	0	2	1	0	3	11	16	33	75
1964	(4)	(0)	(1)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(3)	(11)	(22)	(53)

Deaths from Infectious Diseases 1.3% (0%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
2 (-)	1 (-)	1 (-)

Deaths from Cancers (all types including leukaemias) 19.3% (20.2%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
28 (19)	13 (10)	15 (9)

of this total, lung cancer 4.1% (5.3%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
6 (5)	3 (4)	3 (1)

Deaths from Heart & Circulatory Diseases (including strokes) 54.4% (57.4%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
79 (54)	33 (31)	46 (23)

of this total, coronary disease (angina) 25.5% (20.2%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
37 (19)	18 (15)	19 (4)

Deaths from Respiratory Diseases (including pneumonia & influenza) 10.3% (8.5%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
15 (8)	9 (6)	6 (2)

Deaths from Accidents - all types 4.1% (5.3%)

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
6 (5)	5 (3)	1 (2)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Notifications Received	182 (131)	99 (57)	83 (74)
Scarlet Fever	75 (4)	40 (1)	35 (3)
Whooping Cough	10 (30)	3 (11)	7 (19)
Measles	95 (76)	56 (35)	39 (41)
Acute Pneumonia	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Food Poisoning	- (14)	- (8)	- (6)
Infectious Hepatitis	- (4)	- (2)	- (2)
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2 (-)	- (-)	2 (-)
Tuberculosis, other	- (2)	- (-)	- (2)

The outbreak of scarlet fever affected mainly the villages of Woolpit, Elmswell and Norton. Although frequently mild, the illness was still highly unpleasant, especially when older children and adults were affected.

The usual difficulty occurred because of school children with hidden or mild infection returning to school, whilst still infectious, and new cases continued to arise in both the primary and secondary schools, until measures were introduced to arrange that affected children did not return to school until 10 days had elapsed from the onset of their infection.

One teacher and one food handler remained off duty until throat swabs were negative. Other food-handling staff kindly agreed to have throat swabs taken, which were negative.

Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
Pulmonary	2	0	4	2	0	1	0	3	5	4	2
Non-pulmonary	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	1

Mortality

No deaths in the district were due to Tuberculosis in 1965.

SECTION B

ANNUAL REPORT OF
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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WATER SUPPLY

Applications for, and connections to, mains water supply are now dealt with by the West Suffolk Water Board.

The following table indicates the position in each parish (taken from the Council's records only) at the end of 1965.

During the year 4 samples of water were taken for bacteriological purposes and of these one was unsatisfactory.

Parish	Total Houses in Parish	Houses in parish with a piped water supply into the house. Number in brackets indicate those supplied by standpipe				% with mains water at end of 1965		
		1965		1964		In House	Stand pipe	Total %
Great Ashfield	116	79	(21)	78	(21)	68%	18%	86%
Badwell Ash	133	82	(30)	71	(30)	62%	23%	85%
Beyton	149	129	(15)	126	(15)	87%	10%	97%
Drinkstone	163	108	(18)	97	(18)	66%	11%	77%
Elmswell	518	420	(49)	372	(49)	81%	10%	91%
Felsham	119	100	(15)	98	(15)	84%	13%	97%
Gedding	51	41	(7)	41	(7)	80%	14%	94%
Hessett	111	76	(18)	72	(18)	68%	16%	84%
Hinderclay	81	53	(18)	51	(18)	65%	22%	87%
Hunston	42	31	(7)	27	(7)	74%	17%	91%
Langham	35	20	(9)	20	(9)	57%	26%	83%
Norton	275	198	(26)	196	(26)	72%	10%	82%
Rattlesden	265	201	(39)	199	(39)	76%	15%	91%
Rickinghall Inf.	116	99	(15)	91	(15)	85%	13%	98%
Stowlangtoft	67	49	(6)	43	(6)	73%	9%	82%
Thurston	459	319	(25)	290	(25)	69%	5%	74%
Tostock	147	95	(13)	93	(13)	65%	9%	74%
Walsham-le-Willows	305	198	(49)	189	(49)	65%	16%	81%
Wattisfield	146	103	(28)	102	(28)	70%	19%	89%
Woolpit	406	343	(39)	333	(39)	84%	10%	94%
	3,704	2,744	(447)	2,589	(447)	74%	12%	86%

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Thanks to the provision of sewers the standard of housing within the District is steadily rising. As soon as a village sewer is available many owners make arrangements to have their properties connected; this is particularly so in the case of owner/occupiers.

Advantage has and is being taken of grant aid for the provision of bathrooms, W.C.'s and drainage. During the year 74 applications were received, 16 for Discretionary and 58 for Standard Grants. In 1964 the figures were 17 for the former and 42 for the latter.

The sewer in the village of Thurston, under the Beyton, Hessett and Thurston Sewerage Scheme, became available in December and before the end of the year 112 connections were made. The sewers in Beyton and Hessett are expected to be completed early in 1966.

Sewers have now been provided in 12 of the 20 parishes of the District, those remaining being Great Ashfield, Drinkstone, Hinderclay, Hunston, Langham, Stowlangtoft, Tostock, Wattisfield and outlying hamlets.

The position regarding connection to sewers in 1965 and preceding years is as follows :-

	<u>Total to date</u>	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Badwell Ash	55	9	6	14	26	-
Elmswell	405	55	41	21	44	244
Felsham	53	6	14	33	-	-
Gedding	26	-	6	20	-	-
Norton	163	35	128	-	-	-
Rattlesden	153	11	25	-	9	108
Rickinghall Inferior	64	2	11	-	21	30
Thurston	112	112	-	-	-	-
Walsham-le-Willows	179	11	57	26	85	-
Woolpit	276	3	7	2	10	254

CESSPOOL CLEARANCE

The 1,000 gallon cesspool emptier is still in constant use, and it is not expected that the demand will ease until the Beyton, Hessett and Thurston sewerage scheme is complete.

The charge for emptying is 30/- for the first load and 25/- for each subsequent load, except where properties can be connected to the Council's sewer, when the charge is double in each case.

During the year the total number of cesspools emptied was 1,300 as follows :-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
Council Houses	943	(1,670 loads)
Private Houses	353	(442 loads)
Schools	2	(2 loads)
Out of District	2	(2 loads)

The table on the following page indicates the extent of the work carried out during the year.

Cesspool Clearance from 1st JANUARY 1965 to 31st DECEMBER 1965

Name of Village	COUNCIL HOUSES		PRIVATE HOUSES		TOTAL	
	Cesspools emptied	loads	Cesspools emptied	loads	Cesspools emptied	loads
Ashfield Magna	11	20	7	7	18	27
Badwell Ash	-	-	7	8	7	8
Beyton	301	428	24	28	325	456
Drinkstone	128	199	13	14	141	213
Elmswell	-	-	38	59	38	59
Felsham	-	-	6	7	6	7
Gedding	-	-	2	2	2	2
Hessett	134	222	24	24	158	246
Hinderclay	3	3	2	3	5	6
Hunston	-	-	6	6	6	6
Langham	-	-	2	3	2	3
Norton	-	-	17	20	17	20
Rattlesden	-	-	19	23	19	23
Rickinghall Inf.	-	-	8	11	8	11
Stowlangtoft	24	25	5	7	29	32
Thurston	260	566	88	126	348	692
Tostock	29	51	34	34	63	85
Walsham-le-Willows	-	-	7	7	7	7
Wattisfield	53	156	14	18	67	174
Woolpit	-	-	30	35	30	35
	943	1670	353	442	1296	2112
Schools					2	2
Badwell Ash Sewage Works					2	3
Elmswell Sewage Works					1	1
Gedding Sewage Works					1	1
Thurston Sewage Works					2	8
Walsham Sewer and Ejector Station					7	12
Out of District - Botesdale and Hepworth					2	2
1965 total	943	1670	353	442	1313	2141
1964 total	740	1270	430	847	1197	2186

RIVERS AND STREAMS

There are several water courses and streams within the area which, until the provision of sewers, were heavily polluted; such pollution is now greatly diminished.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

A few years ago my report noted that the closet accommodation was chiefly of the pail type with a few W.C.'s; the position is now entirely reversed; there are very few pails within the sewered villages, and even where there is not a sewer property owners are modernising their houses and installing septic tank drainage, generally with the aid of improvement grants.

Within a few years the pail closet, like its predecessor the privy, will be a rarity.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Removal of household refuse is still operated on a fortnightly kerbside basis by means of a four ton (eighteen cubic yard) Karrier, manned by a driver and two loaders. It is often necessary for these men to work overtime due to the volume of work caused by the growth of the villages, and changing habits whereby many households have a second refuse container to be emptied.

Applications are received for both a back door and weekly removal of refuse, and it is highly desirable that the present scheme be expanded as soon as financial considerations permit.

A free dustbin service (i.e. one dustbin per household) has been successfully operated for several years.

Refuse tips at Badwell Ash, Elmswell and Hinderclay are bull-dozed and covered with soil as frequently as possible; these are visited by the Rodent Operator who sprays with insecticides against flies and wasps, and also lays bait for rats.

Waste paper, weighing 2 tons 12 cwt. 1 qt. was salvaged during 1965 and the proceeds, amounting to £10. 9s. Od., were used to help to defray the cost of refuse collection.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The following table records the number of inspections carried out :

Housing Inspections - Visits	1,098
Building - Work in Progress - Visits	1,960
Drainage - Work in Progress - Visits	234
Slaughter House - Visits	466
Owners Interviewed	428
Caravans Inspected	14
Shops - Visits	308
Shops - Inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	16
Factories W/P - Visits	440
Factories N/P - Visits	-
Refuse Tips - Inspections	121
Sewage Works - Visits	736
Food Premises - Visits	380
Improvement Grants - Investigations	93
Cesspools Inspected	67
Complaints Investigated	47
Ditches Inspected	9
Water Supplies Investigated	5
Farms - Visits	58
Building Sites	368

FACTORY ACT, 1937

Inspections for Purposes of Provision as to Health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	37	440	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority *(excluding out- workers premises)	374	398	-	-

* i.e. Electrical Stations (Section 103 (i)). Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

Outwork Sections 110 and 111. No notification of out-work was received.

Premises classified as factories in Thedwastre comprise :-

Agricultural Engineering Works	3
Corn and Seed Merchants	6
Garages	11
Insulating Clothing	1
Joinery	6
Laundry	1
Meal mixing	1
Pottery	1
Printing Works	1
Slaughterhouses	3
Sand/Gravel and Concrete mixing	2
Warehouses	2

SHOPS

Inspections of the ventilation and sanitary accommodation provisions under the Shops Act, 1950 were made.

The following are the number of shops throughout the District :-

<u>Shops not Associated with Food</u>	<u>Shops Associated with Food</u>
Boot Repairer	1
Garages	11
Garden Implement Repairer	1
Hairdressers	3
Hardware	1
Tailor	1
Watch Repairer	1
Butchers	4
Cafes	3
Fish Fryer	1
Grocers	41
Public Houses	29

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registration and General Inspection

	<u>No. of Registered Premises at end of Year</u>
Offices	NIL
Retail Shops	21
Wholesale shops, warehouses	NIL
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	1
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	25
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Total number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises under the Act.....37

CAMPING SITES

There is only one camping site within the District, at Hunston, which has eight caravans occupied by six families, all of whom are related. The owner has been requested by the Council to supply toilet and washing accommodation.

In addition there are thirty caravans on individual plots in twelve villages.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

There has been no need for action under the Clean Air Act.

SWIMMING BATHS

No swimming baths are available in the Thedwastre District, but many local people patronise those at Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket (both being within six miles of the district).

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No case of bed bug infestation was either reported or discovered during 1965, or in any year covered by my reports, which date from 1938.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continues to engage the services of a part-time rodent operator who attends to complaints and makes regular visits to refuse tips. A copy of the report for 1965 follows

		Type of Property				
		Non-Agricultural				
		1. Local Authority	2. Dwelling Houses	3. All other premises	4. Total	5. Agricul -tural
1	Number of properties in Local Authority's District	8	3271	325	3604	256
11	Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification		251		251	208
	Number of such properties found to be infested by :-					
	Common Rat	Major	44		44	8
		Minor	208		208	8
	House Mouse	Major	-		-	-
		Minor	43		43	
111	Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	8	2700	240	2948	208
	Number of such properties found to be infested by :-					
	Common Rat	Major	72	4	80	8
		Minor	391		395	8
	House Mouse	Major	18		19	4
		Minor	92	2	94	8
1V	Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)		8		8	
	Number of such properties found to be infested by :-					
	Common Rat	Major	-		-	
		Minor	6		6	
	House Mouse	Major	-		-	
		Minor	2		2	
V	Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	60	5532	264	5856	212
V1	Number of infested properties treated by the L.A.	8	884	6	898	1
V11	Number of "Block" control schemes carried out		24			

HOUSING INSPECTIONS

1.	(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1,005
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,098
(11) (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	NIL
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	NIL
(111)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	7
(1V)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	4

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices:

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	4
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3. Action under Statutory powers during the year

(A) <u>Proceedings under Sections 9,10,12 and 39 of the Housing Act, 1957</u>	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	NIL
(11) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	NIL
(a) By Owners	---
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	---

(B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied NIL

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices NIL

(a) By Owners ---

(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ---

(C) Proceedings under Sections 16,17,19,21 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made NIL

(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 8

(3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made or undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation 7

(4) Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertakings 7

(D) Proceedings under Sections 18,19 and 27 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of parts of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made NIL

(2) Number of parts of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders NIL

(3) Number of Demolition Orders revoked NIL

(4) Number of Undertakings cancelled 3

(E) Proceedings under Sections 42 and 43 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas NIL

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year NIL
 (2) Number of families dwelling therein NIL
 (3) Number of persons dwelling therein NIL

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL
 (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases NIL

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding NIL

New houses provided in the post-war years have been :-

	1946 to 1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	Total
Private Houses	53	15	21	28	23	27	41	50	38	43	73	48	76	75	611
Council Houses	228	24	40	13	44	6	13	12	12	38	21	45	46	39	581
Total	281	39	61	41	67	33	54	62	50	81	94	93	122	114	1192

The Council are developing an estate at Pightle Close, Elmswell, of oil-fired centrally heated houses and bungalows for sale; the 42 completed houses are included in the Council house figures of the above table.

Parish	Total Houses in Parish	Total Council Houses	Pre-War	War Time to 1958	1946	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	% of Council Houses in Parish
Great Ashfield	116	30	16	2	8	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	26%
Badwell Ash	133	23	19	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17%
Beyton	149	46	20	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31%
Drinkstone	163	28	10	2	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17%
Elmswell	518	184	55	—	41	2	8	16	10	10	9	33	35%
Felsham	119	34	10	—	18	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	28%
Gedding	51	18	10	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35%
Hesett	111	36	12	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32%
Hinderclay	81	19	7	—	10	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	23%
Hunston	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Langham	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(28) Norton	275	84	33	—	37	—	—	6	—	—	8	—	30%
Rattlesden	265	54	18	—	22	4	—	4	2	4	—	—	20%
Rickinghall Inf.	116	32	2	—	20	—	—	—	4	—	6	—	28%
Stowlangtoft	67	20	6	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	28%
Thurston	459	47	17	—	26	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	10%
Tostock	147	28	14	—	12	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	19%
Walsham-le-Millows	305	72	38	—	18	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	24%
Wattisfield	146	31	18	—	10	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	21%
Woolpit	406	130	26	—	62	—	—	8	—	25	9	—	32%
	3,704	916	331	4	370	10	12	38	21	45	46	39	25%

HOUSING FOR OLD PEOPLE

During the year a further six dwelling for old people were completed at Stowlangtoft in pursuance of the Council's policy to provide this type of accommodation throughout the district, being the sixth of ten schemes so far planned. There is little doubt that this policy, which enables old people, as far as possible, to continue to live in their own village, with their friends and relatives around them, is much appreciated. The Stowlangtoft bungalows were in the nature of an experiment, being built by the direct labour organisation of prefabricated timber sections and having a very high degree of insulation. Each has the same accommodation as those in previous schemes - living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom all centrally heated and provided with constant hot water. There is also a communal sitting room for group activities, and the usual bell system is provided to call the warden. The weekly inclusive rent of these bungalows is £1. 12s. 3d, and it is appropriate to record that an annual contribution will be paid by the West Suffolk County Council under the scheme arranged with District Councils in the County to assist in the provision of welfare services for old people.

In October of 1965 the Council received the Highly Commended award for Good Design in Housing in respect of the Norton development for old people. This scheme is broadly typical of all the schemes undertaken, and details of the layout appear in the following pages, together with illustrations of some of the earlier schemes.

The following dwellings have so far been provided :-

Elmswell	6
Norton	8
Rickinghall Inferior	6
Stowlangtoft	6
Walsham-le-Willows	6
Woolpit	12

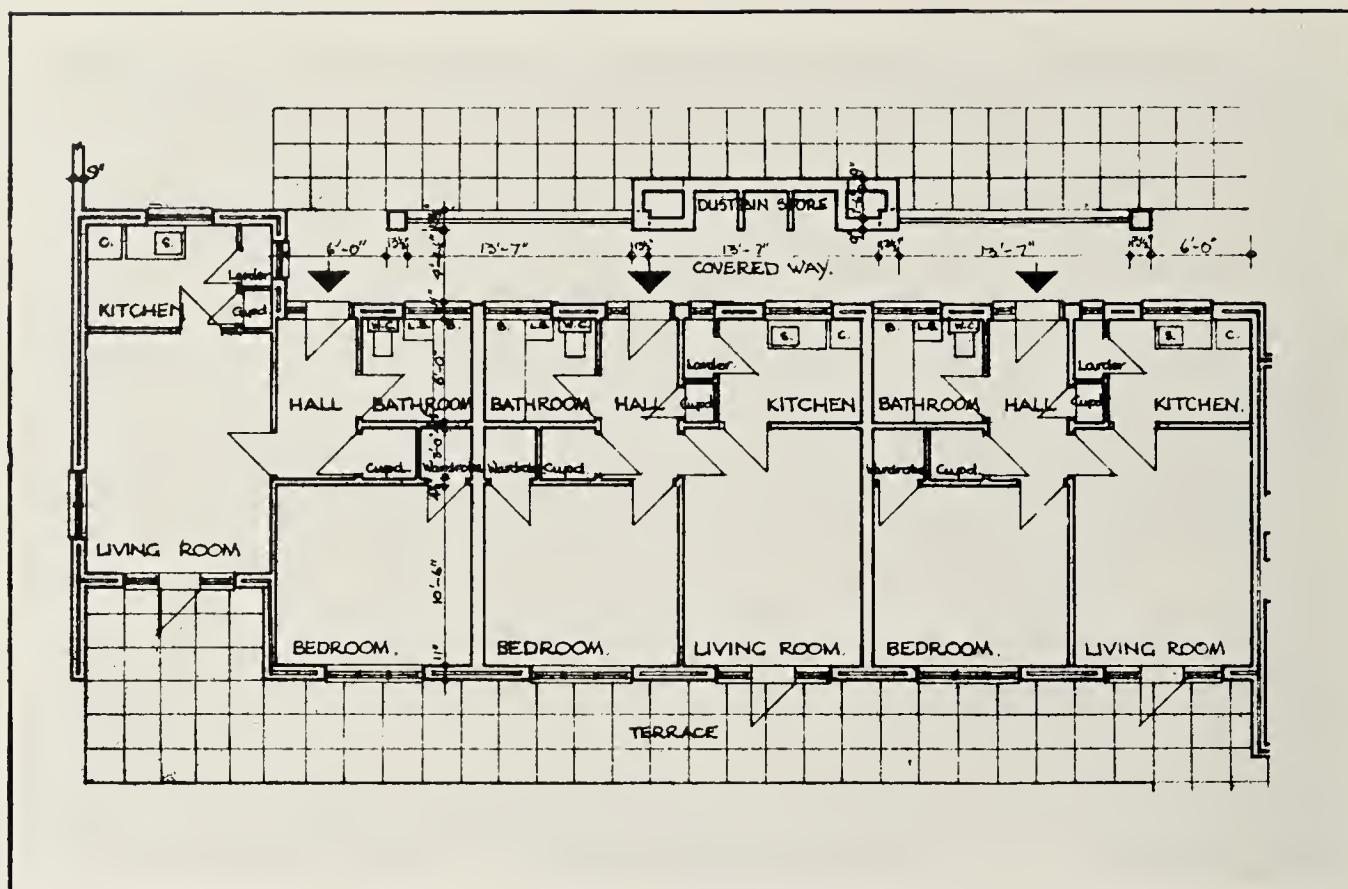
Work was commenced during the year on a further scheme of six dwellings at Rattlesden.



COMMON ROOM, NORTON



VIEW INTO INTERNAL COURT, NORTON



PART OF LAYOUT, WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS



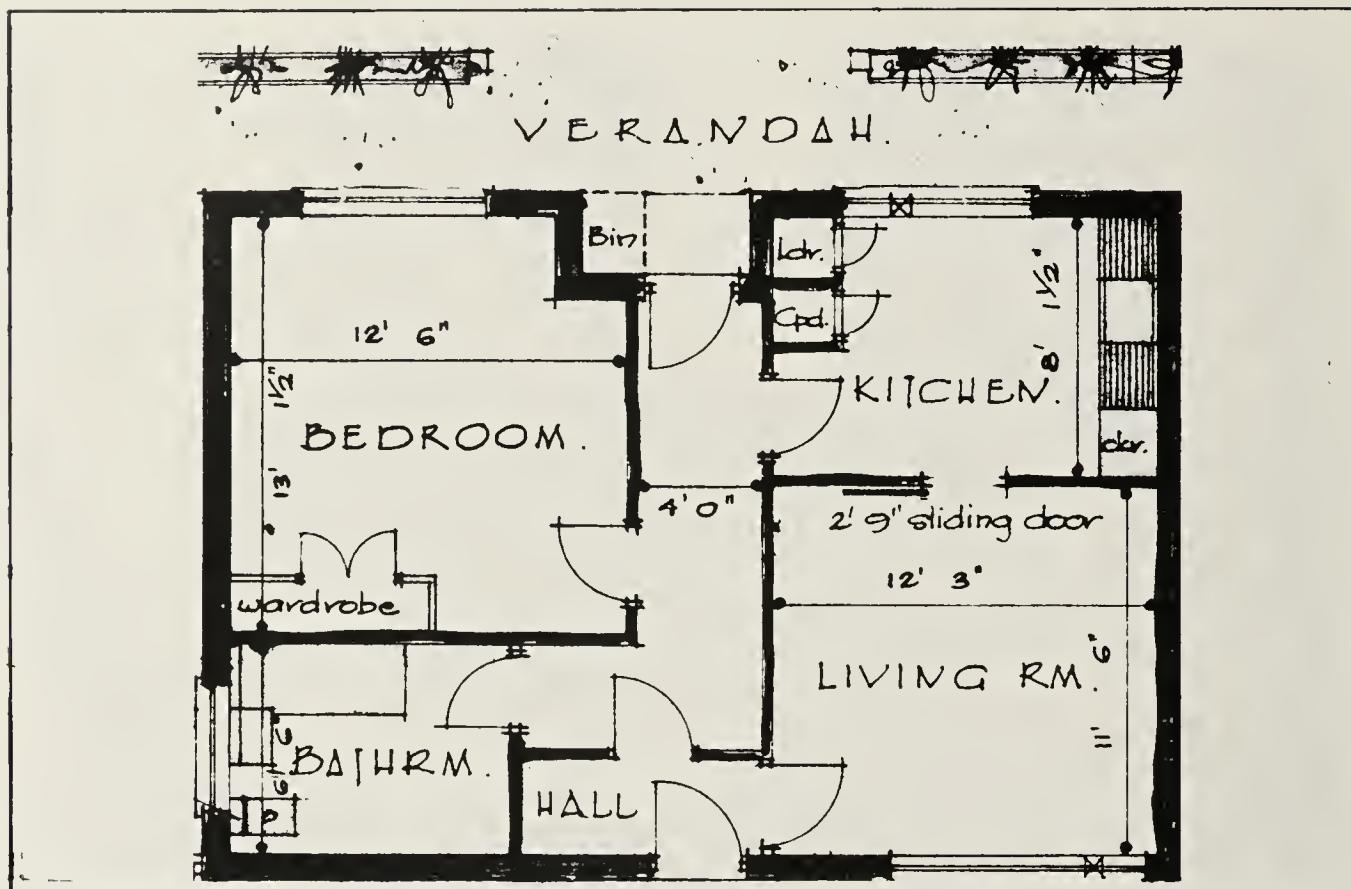
FRONT VIEW, WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS



PART OF A COMMON ROOM, WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS



PART OF A FRONT VIEW, ELMSWELL



TYPICAL LAYOUT, RICKINGHALL INFERIOR



TIMBER DWELLINGS, STOWLANGTOFT

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 4 retail butchers in the district, two of whom purchase their meat from wholesalers outside the district. The remaining two have slaughterhouses of their own at Elmswell and Walsham-le-Willows. Animals slaughtered during the year were as follows :

<u>Beasts</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
317	13	82	92

These figures do not include inspections at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory which are as under :-

Pigs

The number of pigs killed at the St. Edmunds Bacon Factory, Elmswell, during the year was 133,604. The figure for 1964 was 135,011.

Number of pigs killed	133,604
Number of pigs inspected	133,604
Number of pigs condemned	554

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci

Whole carcases condemned	553
Percentage of number inspected of totally condemned carcases with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	0.414%

Tuberculosis Only

Whole carcases condemned	1
Percentage of number inspected of totally condemned carcases with Tuberculosis	0.000748%

Cysticerci Only

No cases found during the year.

In addition to the 554 whole carcases condemned, there were also condemned :

4,244	heads	(weighing	51,928 lbs)
6,035	plucks	(weighing	42,245 lbs)
3,650	guts	(weighing	10,950 lbs)
779	prs. kidneys	(weighing	390 lbs)
970	prs. flares	(weighing	2,910 lbs)

Three meat inspectors are employed at the bacon factory, and a 100% inspection of carcases is achieved.

